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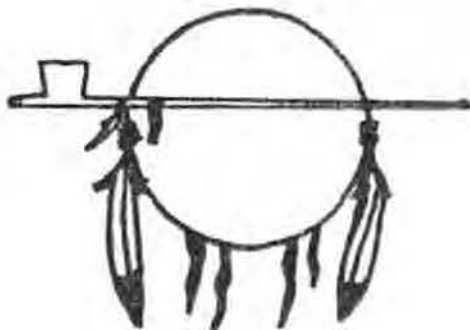
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AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER



NEWS

613 South 16th Street

(402/344-0111)

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In behalf of our Board of Directors we would like to extend best wishes for a most prosperous coming year.

The American Indian Center has developed three major services that are active in servicing the American Indian Community. These services are free to any American Indian that requests them. These services are as follows: 1) Legal Offenders Program, Mr. Bruce King, Attorney at Law 2) Alcoholism Program, Mr. Bill Bentley, Alcoholism Counselor III 3) Social Service, Ms. Ellen Cunningham.

Other Services we offer: 1) Transportation 2) Food Assistance 3) Agency Representation for Clients for other Service 4) Referrals

Our Center is open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily. If you are in need of any of these services, please feel free to contact our office. If any other service is required we can assist you in meeting your request.

Tim Woodhull, Director

AIC TEAM PLACES THIRD

The American Indian Center basketball team won third place at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska. The team won their first game from the Lincoln Indian Center, but lost the second game to Salvation Army.

The loss put them in the consolation game against a team from Concordia College, which they won to give: Philmore Walker, Gene Picotte, Ed Zendejas, Willie Pilcher, Mario Zendejas, Tim Woodhull, Bob Walker, Lester Walker, Cecil Long, Art Blackcloud and Coach Stanley Peniska a third finish.

AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER POSSIBLE SITE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The American Indian Center is applying for twenty positions with the C.E.T.A. summer youth program.

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 thru 21 and show proof. They must also have a social security card and family income card. Application forms are available at the American Indian Center.

Registration will be held at the Center April 24th thru 26th from 3:00 P.M. to 5 P.M., for the summer youth program.

Call 344-0111 for more information.

NEW LOCATION FOR URBAN INDIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Urban Indian Health Association, Inc., will move its quarters to the American Indian Center, Inc., at 613 South 16th Street on April 7, 1978.

The number to call for health care and referral assistance will be 402-344-0111. All future correspondence should be directed to the new location.

STABLER ATTEMPTS POLITICAL SCENE

Hollis Stabler, 28, a member of the Omaha tribe, is running for the State Senate from the 16th District. He is being opposed by one other candidate, Gregory Moseman. Moseman was administrative assistant to the present senator, Walter George of Blair. George will not seek re-election.

Stabler received his B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He and his wife live on a farm near Walthill, Nebraska.

The Urban Indian Health Association, Inc., are selling calendars at \$2.00 each, to raise funds for the program. The calendars include pictures of health education sessions they sponsored.

Contact Mario Zendejas at 444-7236 if you are interested in buying a calendar.

AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC.

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The corporation has eleven board members. Presently there are two (2) vacancies to be filled within the next couple of months. Any Native American resident in Omaha is welcome to request board membership.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Bruce King, Legal Services Coordinator

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION APRIL 8TH

Mr. and Mrs. David Essau of Omaha are sponsoring a birthday dance for their son, Douglas, Saturday, April 8th.

The celebration will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall at 1238 South 10th Street in Omaha.

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Gourd Dance 2:00 P.M.
Supper 6:00 P.M.
War Dance 7:00 P.M.

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN THE DANCE

Harvey Ware (Kiowa) Wichita, Kansas	- Head-Singer
Kevin Wells (Omaha) Omaha, Nebraska	- Head-Man Dancer
Roberta Lovejoy (Omaha) Omaha, Nebraska	- Head-Lady Dancer
Greg Canby (Omaha)	- Head-boy Dancer
Susy Sheridan (Omaha) Macy, Nebraska	- Head-girl Dancer
Alfred Gilpin (Omaha) Macy, Nebraska	- Master of Ceremonies
Clyde Sheridan (Omaha) Macy, Nebraska	- In Charge

Everyone is welcome to come and help celebrate little Douglas' first birthday.

Bring your folding chairs and dishes.

For more information call Mr. and Mrs. David Essau. Phone: 346-8482

WEIGHT CONTROL MEETING A SUCCESS

Elsie Harlan, Health Educator for the Urban Indian Association, and Pat Love, Nutrition Aide for the Douglas County Extension Service, coordinated a weight control group for the Native American Community in Omaha.

The first successful meeting was held on March 22nd.

Elsie said, "Meetings will be held at 6:30 P.M. every Wednesday evening at the American Indian Center, 613 South 16th St."

For more information about the weight control group call Elsie at 444-7170 or Pat at 346-8698. Transportation will be provided.

THE LONGEST WALK HAS BEGUN

Recently several pieces of legislation against all Native American tribes throughout the United States have been introduced into the U.S. Congress. It is highly unlikely that these bills will ever pass but it gives one something to think about. If the bills were to pass and become a law, all treaties would be broken and the government would pull out completely from the reservations. Then the lands would be slowly taken and the Native people would be at the mercy of local whites who are pushing to abrogate all treaties.

To bring national attention to these wrongful acts against Native people, a march began on February 11, 1978, in an effort to defeat this anti-Indian legislation. On this day Native people from all walks of life including children, started walking from San Francisco, California to Washington, C.C., to meet with the President of the United States. This has been called "The Longest Walk."

They should arrive in Omaha in early April, 1978.

We hope that this walk will show to the world that Native people, too, are entitled to their "Human Rights."

CHANGES FOR ALCOHOLISM SESSION

In a recent newsletter printed by the Urban Indian Health Association there has been some changes in the Alcoholism Health Session they are sponsoring.

The Health Session will be held at the Downtown Club, 1810 St. Marys at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, April 20th.

The theme will be "Alcoholism Can Happen to Anyone."

Maria Pearson of Marne, Iowa, will be the guest speaker. Maria was the former director of C.A.R.E., Inc.

Notices will be sent out to the community three days prior to each session.

Contact Elsie Harlan, Health Educator, for more information at 444-7170

VOTE . . . Mario Peniska, for the Omaha Public School Board on May 2nd!

Mario is Board Chairman for our Center.

ORGANIZATION SEEKS MEMBERSHIP

The Urban Indian Cultural Club of Omaha is seeking new members.

Membership is open to anyone. The only requirement for membership is paying an annual fee of \$2.50. According to Joe Hollowell, chairman of the club, "The \$2.50 sounds too expensive, but this is one means of raising money for the Pow-Wow."

The Club has been working diligently for the past eight years to sponsor cultural activities to retain the traditional way among the urban Native community in Omaha.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Benson Presbyterian Church on 5612 Corby.

Contact Joe Hollowell, Chairman, at 342-5375 for more information.

YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE PLANNING STAGES

A Youth Program is in the planning stages at the American Indian Center.

According to Tim Woodhull, Director of AIC, there are five volunteers willing to accept ideas and opinions that anyone may have from the Native American Community.

He said, "Some areas we can develop are an Indian Library, Education resources and Athletic teams."

If you are interested in volunteering or implementing ideas call the American Indian Center at 344-0111.

TEBO BECOMES CERTIFIED COUNSELOR

Enos Tebo, a member of the Winnebago tribe and a resident of Omaha, has been certified by the State of Nebraska as an alcoholism counselor.

Enos is the first Native American from the city of Omaha to become certified.

He said, "Booze is a white man's thing, but not in the eyes of many Native Americans. They say, 'AA is not the traditional way,' but if it can do it for me, AA can do it for you."

INDIAN CENTER TO OFFER GED CLASSES

The American Indian Center will sponsor free Adult Basic Education Classes with preparation for GED testing sometime in April.

The class schedule has not been set to date. There are no applications forms or interviews necessary to become eligible.

Call the American Indian Center at 344-0111 for more information.

JR. AND SR. HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS IN DEMAND

The American Indian Center is seeking interested young people to participate in an All Indian Drum Corp.

Art Blackcloud, coordinator of the All Indian Drum Corp, said, "This will give the young Native Americans an opportunity to learn about marching bands and to participate in parades."

Equipment and uniforms will be provided. For more information contact Art at 344-0111.

NOTICE

NATIVE AMERICAN RAP SESSIONS ON
ALCOHOLISM EVERY MONDAY EVENING

WHERE - American Indian Center

WHEN - EVERY MONDAY

TIME - 7:00 P.M.

Contact Bill Bentley for more information (344-0111)

TRIBAL CHICKEN STEW

1 chicken
1 tsp. garlic powder
½ cup white vinegar
1 med. white onion (diced)
½ tsp. ginger (optional)
1 cup soy sauce
2 cups of water

Cut chicken into pieces. Mix together with other ingredients and place in pot. Simmer for 1½ hour. Add more water if necessary. Serve with steamed rice.
(Substitute pork in place of chicken)
(from an ancient Omaha Indian recipe)